

OPINION PAGE

Wave's editorial position

North School

The Issue:

\$4 million in renovations cost taxpayers
without benefit of public hearing

We Suggest:

Holding a public meeting to answer public's questions

Through its PTAs, Wasatch County School District is promoting character education in our elementaries. These lofty goals of trustworthiness, respect, caring, citizenship, responsibility, and fairness are essential to the formation of productive and upstanding adults in our society.

Unfortunately, as we have found over the past few years, the former school board to whom we entrusted the teaching of these principles, may not have practiced what they preached when it came to the matter of the North School.

It is not simply an issue of a \$4 million price tag, that have the taxpayers of this county so disgruntled. It is the manner in which those decisions were made.

A \$4 million bill that taxpayers are required to pick up is a substantial burden and not one that should be bourn without repre-

sentation.

Because the former school board approved the renovation without adequate public input, this same public is now demanding an accounting.

This policy of righteous silence adopted by the former school board can only led to mistrust and speculation.

The public has a right to know and the former school board has a responsibility to come forward with a full disclosure of their actions as elected officials.

We admonish the current school board and administration to aid in this process.

Now is the time to review Character Building 101. These very principles we are endeavoring to instill in our young, we require from our elected officials — especially those who put themselves in a position of example and trust.